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"Let reverence for laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that rattles on her lap; let it be taught in schools, in seminaries and colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. And in short, let it become the political religion of the nation; and let the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the grave and the gay of all sexes and tongues and colors and conditions, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars."

TUESDAY, NOV. 14, 1916.

Everybody wants the war to end and nobody knows how to end it.

The Lord helps those who are not always bellowing to him for help.

The town knocker never troubles his head over the eight-hour law.

The election? An old story by this time. Give us something new.

That's right, blame the other fellow. He's probably doing the same to you.

Perk up and stay perked. We'll have another presidential election in four years.

Another whale of a bargain advertised this week. Read the ads until you find it.

Now that the election is over the war can sneak back onto the front page again.

The Lord loves a cheerful giver and we love a cheerful payer. How's your subscription?

The woman who really knows how to manage her husband seldom tells others how she does it.

If the science of aviation continues we'll soon be getting a through route to heaven.

The world owes every man a competence, but some are too darned lazy to collect their bills.

If food continues to advance in price, heavy weights, like the bear, can live on their own fat.

Give the defeated candidate a friendly greeting. You may want his vote yourself some day.

Woman may be the weaker sex, but she can make a fool of the strongest man by the wink of an eye.

If you feel like cussing us for what appears in these columns, let 'er rip. We know then that you read the paper.

The fellow who bet on a "sure thing" is now industriously endeavoring to find something that really is sure.

Rockefeller has been squandering his money again. This time he gave a little girl thirty cents. Watch the price of oil.

The privilege of riding in the presidential yacht would almost tempt us to accept the office itself. Yes, almost.

Whether the election suited you or whether it didn't you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are only one little toad in a big puddle.

The fellows who lost in the election will at least have the satisfaction of knowing the dear people will not be cussing them for their failure to make good on their promises.

Some of these days, perhaps, national and state candidates will learn that if they want to impress their own particular merits upon the rural voters they will have to use the columns of the rural press, the home paper of the man they seek to reach. The average city daily does not exert any great political influence in the rural districts.

WHAT DO YOU OWE TO YOUR COMMUNITY?

Friend, stop and think what you owe to your community. But first stop and think what your community has done for you.

How many men in your community have accumulated what they have outside of that community? Very few, you will admit.

Now, how was it possible for you to accumulate property? Was it purely by your own exertions, or did not business conditions contribute largely to the result? If you are a farmer, and were your farm a hundred miles from civilization, what would it profit you? How much wealth could you amass?

No, friend, your holdings are not solely the result of your own energy. The entire population of your community has contributed to your up-building.

What though you are the most capable lawyer or doctor, if you are located in a sparsely settled country where there is little demand for your services, what does your capability profit you?

What of the expert builder if there are no houses to build? What of the engineers, if the nearest approach to a locomotive were the old ox-wagon of our grandfathers?

So you see that wealth is very largely a matter of environment. Without a populous community all men are at a disadvantage in its accumulation, and as the community grows in population the opportunities for accumulating wealth increase.

This by way of reminding you that however "self-made" you may boast yourself, you are in reality "community-made," and you owe a debt to your community. And the size of that debt is in exact proportion to the amount of your holdings in the community.

Now if you owe this debt—and we do not think you will dispute it—isn't it up to you to discharge it when called upon to do so?

How many times has your community called upon you in vain when plans for its betterment were being made? A road was to build for which funds were not available. Did you contribute? A school house was to be repaired and the grounds beautified. How much did you help? Your church was old and out of date, and the membership wanted to rebuild. Did you chip in?

In short, you are paying your debt to the world and to your community in the only logical way—assisting to the extent of your ability to make it a better community for your children and your children's children to live in?

Now you will admit that you owe to your parents a debt you can never repay—to them. The only way you can possibly pay is to pass it on to another generation. That is nature's eternal plan.

Just so you can pass on to the community of the future what the community of the past has done for you.

Will you pay the debt?

AN APPEAL TO COMMUNITY LOYALTY.

It will not be long now until the holiday shopping will be in full swing, and before it opens we wish to have a few words with our fellow citizens on the question of how and where this holiday money is to be spent.

Are you going to patronize the mail order houses this year as perhaps many of you did last year? Or are you going to, if necessary, even make a slight sacrifice and stick to home people?

Whence came the money that you are intending to send to that mail order concern? Did it come from the city in which that concern is located? Not by a long shot. If you are a farmer it is the product of the soil. What soil? Why, the soil of YOUR COMMUNITY. Now, you, as a practical farmer, know full well the results of the ruinous practice of taking everything from your land and returning nothing to it. You know that this practice must sooner or later impoverish your soil and destroy your source of income.

Can't you realize that in sending your money away from home you are doing to the community just what you would not think of doing to your farm—robbing it of its productive power? You certainly are. Every dollar sent away from your community robs it of just that much of its power for good.

But perhaps you are not a farmer, but a mechanic, or trader. Then the responsibility rests even more heavily upon you to keep your money in the home channels of trade, because all of it came from the hard earnings of your neighbors and friends, and you have no right to deprive the community of the good it can do if circulated therein.

Yes, we say no right. No man has any right to be disloyal to his community. Deprive any man entirely of community support and he be-

comes a parish—worse than a Robinson Crusoe, for he is among his kind but not of them. What loneliness could be more terrible?

If, then, you are thus dependent on your neighbors and friends, do you not owe them an equal allegiance? Are they to consult your interests while you ignore theirs? This were ingratitude of the basest sort.

Just suppose, you patronize all the mail order house, that for a period of twelve months every citizen of your county followed your example and did all of his trading away from home? What condition would your county be in? Would there be a solvent merchant in it? Not one. What of your schools, your churches, and all the civilizing institutions of our land? They might still survive if you bare all the expense—not otherwise.

Think seriously of these things, you patron of the mail order house. Realize that if you have the right to deprive your community of your money, all your neighbors have equal right—then imagine the consequences.

Don't be an ingrate! If you have a dollar to spend, spend it at home. Thus it stays and works in the only spot on God's earth in which you are interested. Send it away and it is gone forever.

PATRIOTIC.

A man that will go to the trouble and expense of making an exhibit at the County Fair, knowing that he can not get enough direct financial return to reimburse him, is patriotic to a large extent. Of course he will receive, considerable indirect benefit, but in making the exhibit, demonstrate the fact that he is patriotic and wants to let the people of the county know what he is doing so as to encourage them to get out of the old ruts and improve their condition.

Take the matter of raising cattle, mules, horses and hogs. Our people have been in a habit, for several generations, of depending on the West for these things, and that is one reason why we are as poor as we are. As long as we raise all cotton and buy all food stuff and work animals in the West, we will be poor, but if our people can be encouraged to raise their own needs and then, all the cotton they can it will be only a few years until the people of the South will be the bankers of the world. But in order to get them to do this it will be necessary for those that have made a success of raising these things to demonstrate it to others and by exhibiting your cattle, stock, etc., you will be a benefit to generations yet unborn. There are a number of people in this country raising fine beef cattle, hogs, mules and horses which we hope to see have a full exhibit here. There are some people that have a number of home raised mules and we would like to see them all on exhibit. It will not cost you much, and we hope to see you show that much patriotism. Won't you do it?—Abbeville Medium.

TAX STATEMENT.

The following is a complete statement of the taxes for the various purposes for Lancaster county for the fiscal year 1916:

State tax	\$ 24,711.27
Special county	10,454.80
Ordinary county	17,107.82
Road tax	22,810.41
Taxes levied in portion of county (R. R. bonds)	3,405.62
Three mill Constitutional school tax	11,405.20
Special and local school tax	23,438.02
One dollar poll tax	4,172.00
Capitation dog tax	1,035.50
\$3.00 Capitation road tax	12,000.00
	\$130,540.64

I hereby certify that the above is a correct statement of all taxes for the fiscal year 1916 for all purposes.

JOSEPH W. KNIGHT,

County Auditor.

CARD OF THANKS.

Inasmuch as it is impossible to see all personally, I desire to take this means of expressing to the people of Camden, Kershaw, Heath Springs and other places, my sincere appreciation, and that of my father, my brothers and my family, for the sympathy extended to us and the many kindnesses shown us in our recent deep bereavement in the death of my mother, Mrs. Fannie J. Stalkner.

B. D. Stalkner.

NEW LIVESTOCK COMPANY CHARTERED

Columbia, Nov. 10.—The Secretary of State today issued a charter to the H. M. Sawyer & Co. of Sully, with a capital of \$2,000, to do a general mercantile and livestock business.

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BY ATTENDING

OUR BIG SALE

WHICH IS NOW GOING ON

HIRSCH'S

Lancaster's Fastest Growing Store.

Look For The Pointing Finger Over Our Door

LOSS FOR STATEWIDE.

Prohibition Beaten in Missouri Election Yesterday.

St. Louis, Nov. 10.—Statewide prohibition was defeated in Missouri by an overwhelming vote. Returns from more than half the voting precincts gave a majority of more than 124,000 against the amendment. The majority against prohibition in St. Louis was 127,000. The majority for prohibition in the 1,353 precincts outside of St. Louis reporting was about 2,500.

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FARM LOAN ACT TO AID WORTHY ASSETS QUICK

Washington, Nov. 10.—Herbert Quick of the Federal farm loan board, in an address here, declared the farm loan act would be administered in the interest of actual farming and actual farmers and not in the interests of landlordism or tenancy.

He described the rural credits plan as "a system not for loaning government money to farmers a system by which the farmer is afforded the opportunity of borrowing from investors on security."

HEAVY FINES LEVIED.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—Fines totalling more than \$171,000 were assessed by Federal Judge Landis today against Swift & Co., packers, and a number of railroads convicted of violating the interstate commerce act. In most cases the charges were rebating or in shipping less than carload shipments at carload rates.

BREAKS ALL RECORDS.

Mobile, Ala., Nov. 10.—Spot cotton in the Mobile market broke all records today, passing the high mark of yesterday by 6 points. The close was 19 cents.

The Way To Greater Growth

No town or city can make its industries great, but industries can make a town or city great. A live community is the manifestation of business enterprise. If this community is to grow in importance it will have to be by the enterprise of stable business interests.

We are ready to co-operate in every way to make local business safer, better and bigger. We are sincerely interested in giving individual service to every depositor, regardless of the size of his account. Talk your plans and business problems over with us. We may be able to make helpful suggestions.

WE PAY 4 PER CENT ON TIME DEPOSITS

FARMERS BANK & TRUST COMPANY

W. H. MILLEN, Cashier.